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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALEXANDRIA 0257

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN/SOVIET COMMERCIAL RELATIONS

1. CONGEN INFORMED THAT HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAPER AND TIMBER IMPORTS HAVE GONE TO MOSCOW IN ATTEMPT TO CONTINUE PAST PRACTICE OF USING SOVIETS AS SUPPLIER OF BOTH PAPER AND LUMBER.

2. WE ARE TOLD THAT NORMALLY (PRIOR TO PRESENT GOE/SOVIET DIFFICULTIES) THESE DELEGATIONS DID NOT ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS, BUT MERELY ACCEPTED SOVIET PROPOSALS. THIS WAS A RESULT OF RELATIVE BARGAINING POSITION OF PARTIES AND FACT THAT HEADS OF EGYPTIAN DELEGATIONS ARE NOT EXPERTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS.

3. THIS YEAR THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION FROM OUR SOURCE, WHO IS A TIMBER EXPERT, THAT DELEGATION WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE PACKAGE. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SOURCE IS EXTREMELY OPPOSED NOT ONLY TO THE SOVIETS, BUT ALSO TO THE HEAD OF THE TIMBER ORGANIZATION FOR WHICH HE WORKS.)
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